REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Office Action mailed on <u>December</u> 11, 2003, and the references cited therewith.

This amendment cancels claims 71-73, 75-76, 98-100, and 102-103 without prejudice, amends claims 115-116, and introduces no new claims. As a result, the remaining pending claims are 48-54, 82-89, 91-97, and 105-116.

The cancellation of claims 71-76 obviate the rejection of these claims under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph. The cancellation of claims 71-76 and 98-104 obviate the rejection of claims 71-73, 75-76, 98-100, and 102-103 under 35 USC § 102(e) as anticipated by Chen.

The rejection of claim 105 under 35 USC § 102(e) as anticipated by Chen, however, is respectfully traversed. Claim 105 had previously been amended to depend from claim 106, instead of from rejected claim 98. Because its current parent claim 105 has been allowed, claim 105 dependent therefrom should also be allowed.

The allowance of claims 48-54, 82-89, 91-97, and 106-116 is acknowledged. Allowed claims 115 and 116 are amended to independent form herein.

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Conclusion

Applicant urges that the Application in its present form meets all the statutory requirements, and respectfully requests allowance thereof. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6971 to facilitate prosecution of this Application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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